

Remarks

Claims 1-68 and 115-133 were pending prior to the present amendment. Claim 1 is canceled. Claims 2-7, 9, 29-30, 67-68, 115, 118 and 127 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicant's invention. Specifically, Claim 6 is amended to independent form and Claims 2-5, 7, 9, 29-30, 67-68, 115, 118 and 127 are amended to depend from Claim 6.

The Examiner indicates allowable subject matter in each of Claims 6, 9-28, 31-43, 55-66, 118-126 and 130-133.

The Examiner rejected (a) Claims 1-5, 29-30 and 67-68 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,336,464 ("Weber"), (b) Claims 115-117 and 128-129 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weber, (c) Claims 7-8, 44-45 and 48-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weber in view of U.S. Patent 3,723,815 ("Ambler"), and (c) Claims 46-47 as being unpatentable over Weber in view of Ambler, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,141,197 ("Kim"). Because the Examiner has indicated allowable subject matter in Claim 6, to facilitate early issuance of the allowable claims, Applicant has canceled Claim 1 and amended the remaining rejected claims to depend from allowable Claim 6. As amended, Claims 2-68 and 115-133 are allowable.

Therefore, all currently pending claims (i.e., Claims 2-68 and 115-133) are allowable over the art of record. If the Examiner has any question regarding the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant at 408-392-9250.

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